GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRDESH
ABSTRACT.

Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department – The Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj (Conduct of Elections) Rules, 2006 – Amendments to provide for 'None of the Above' (NOTA) option in the ballot paper – Notification – Orders – Issued.

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PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (ELECTIONS) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 85 Dated: 09-07-2018
Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.142, P.R.& R.D. (E&R) Dept. dated 03.05.2006.
2. From the Secretary (FAC) A.P.State Election Commission, Lr.No.73/SEC-B1/2014, dt.25.5.2018.

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O R D E R :

The following Notification will be published in the Extraordinary Issue of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette dated.10.07.2018.

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 268 read with sections 8,11,12,13,14,19-B, 151, 156,179, 201A, 230Aand 230B of the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 (Act No.13 of 1994), the Governor of Andhra Pradesh, hereby, makes the following amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj (Conduct of Elections) Rules, 2006 issued in G.O.Ms.No.142, PR&RD (E&R) Department, dated 3.5.2006 and as subsequently amended from time to time.

AMENDMENTS.

In the said Rules,

1. After rule 35, the following new rule shall be inserted namely, –
"35-A. None of the Above (NOTA) option on Ballot Papers:-

(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in these Rules, in the Postal Ballot Papers and in the Ballot Papers used for conduct of poll at polling stations with Ballot Boxes or Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs), provision shall be made for 'None of the Above' (NOTA) option for the benefit of those electors who may wish to exercise their option of not voting to any of the candidates in the fray. The last panel of the ballot paper below the last candidate shall be earmarked for 'None of the Above' (NOTA) option.

(2) The State Election Commission may give such directions, as may be necessary, for effective implementation of 'None of the Above' (NOTA) option.

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2. In the Form – XXVI (Final Result Sheet), Form – XXVIII (Return of Election) and Part – II (Result of Counting) of Form – XXXII, appended to the said rules, the 'None of the Above' option shall be incorporated at relevant places as specified in the specimens annexed to this Notification.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr. K.S. JAWAHAR REDDY
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Commissioner of Printing, Stationery and Stores Purchase,
Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Director of Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Secretary, State Election Commission, Andhra Pradesh.
Copy to :
The Law (F) Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Guntur District.
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SECTION OFFICER.

FORM – XXVI
[See Rules 57(11), 59 , 60 & 92]
FINAL RESULT SHEET.

(to be used for recording the result where counting is done polling station wise)

Election to the Sarpanch / Member of Ward No. …….. of …….. Gram Panchayat / Member, …… Territorial Constituency of ……. MandalPrajaParishad / ZillaPrajaParishad.

Serial No. of Polling Station	No. of valid votes cast in favour of			Total of valid votes	No. of rejected votes	Votes for 'None of the Above' (NOTA) option	No. of tendered votes
	A	B	C				
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
Total No. of votes recorded at polling stations							
Total No. of votes recorded on Postal Ballot Papers							
Total votes polled							

Place…….
Date ……..... Returning Officer

FORM – XXVI
[See Rules 57(11), 59 & 92]
FINAL RESULT SHEET.

(to be used when the counting of votes is done by mixing)

Election to the Sarpanch / Member of Ward No. …….. of …….. Gram Panchayat / Member, …… Territorial Constituency of ……. MandalPrajaParishad / ZillaPrajaParishad.

Polling Station No.	Total votes found in the Ballot Box(es)	No. of Tendered Votes.
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
Total		

1	Total No.of votes recorded at polling stations	Candidate's valid votes			Valid votes total	Number of rejected ballot papers	Valid and rejected votes total	Votes for 'None of the above'(NOTA) option.
		A	B	C				
	1st Round							
	2nd Round							
	3rd Round							
	4th Round							
	5th Round							
	Total							
2	Total No. of votes recorded on Postal Ballot Papers							
	Grand Total							

Place…….
Date ……...

Returning Officer

FORM – XXVIII
[See Rule 62(1) (b)]
RETURN OF ELECTION

Election to the Sarpanch / Member of Ward No. …….. of …….. Gram Panchayat / Member, …… Territorial Constituency of ……. MandalPrajaParishad / ZillaPrajaParishad.

Serial No.	Name of the Candidate	*Party affiliation, if any	No.of votes polled.
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			

Total No. of electors. : ---------

Total No. of valid votes polled : ---------

Total No. of votes polled for 'None of the Above'(NOTA)option:-------

Total No.of rejected votes. :----------

Total No. of tendered votes :----------

I declare that –

----------(Name)----------of ---------- (address)----------has been duly elected to fill the seat.

Place …….

Date……..

Returning Officer.

*Applicable in case of election to Member, MandalPrajaParishad/ZillaPraja Parishad.

FORM No.XXXII
(See Rules 85,88,92,93 & 94)
Part – II Result of Counting.

S. No.	Name of the Candidate	No. of Votes recorded
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6	None of the Above (NOTA)	
	Total	

Whether the Total No. of votes shown above tallies with the Total No. of votes shown against Item 5 of Part – I or any discrepancy noticed between the two totals ? If any discrepancy is noticed, the reasons for discrepancy are ……..

Place
Date :

Counting Supervisor.

S.No.	Name of the Candidate/Election agent/Counting agent	Full signature
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		

Place :

Date:

Returning Officer.